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Title of Invention

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2. Fees

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NATIONAL STAGE FEES	TOTAL CLAIMS	45 - 20 =	25	x \$50.00 =	\$1,250.00
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	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) + \$360.00				\$0.00
	Basic filling fee \$300.00 Examination fee \$200.00 Search Fee \$400				
	Total of National Stage Fees				\$900.00
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3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith.
4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.
5. An oath or declaration, including power of attorney, of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115 is submitted herewith.

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8. Additional documents:

Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

International Preliminary Report on Patentability with annexes

9. An Assignment of Invention to BlueScope Steel Limited will follow.

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